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Textile Factories

1. The Twenty-Three December Silk and Rayon Dyeing and Printing Works is located in Knyazhevo village on Valentin Andreev Street, beyond the military barracks at the intersection of Valentin Andreev and IX September Streets. The plant is of pre-World War II construction and is in good repair although it has not been renovated or modernized. All machinery is powered by electricity. For two years the factory has had a printing machine which was never assembled owing to the lack of a specialized staff; therefore, all printing is done by hand. Approximately 200 workers are employed in the plant, and the daily production is consistently 10,000 meters of piece goods. Distribution is made through shops of the Clothing and Footwear Board and the Central Cooperative Union.
2. The following factories, all of which send their cloth to the Twenty-Three December factory for dyeing and printing, were known to informants:
 - a. The Malchika Silk Weaving Mill, located in the southwestern outskirts of Sofia in Krasno-Selo village;
 - b. The Mlada Gardiya, formerly Slavcho Trunski, Silk Weaving Factory in Ivanyane;
 - c. The Margarita Gogova Silk Weaving Factory in Kharmanli;
 - d. The Rosa Silk Weaving Factory in Kazanluk; and
 - e. The Maritsa Textile Mill on Karlovska Street, Plovdiv; enlarged and modernized after World War II and now equipped with new looms; produces silk, cotton, and woolen piece goods.¹

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Canning Factories

3. The canning factory in Krichim produces sauces, jams, fruit concentrates, and vegetables in tins and glass jars. Seventy workers are employed.
4. The Proletarska Canning Factory, located on Karlovska Street in Plovdiv, employs 500 workers. It is divided into two departments: manufacture of pickles, sauces, and paprika; and processing of dried fruit. The entire output of the factory is sent to the USSR.

Miscellaneous Factories

5. The Vulkan Cement Factory in Dimitrovgrad, of post-World War II construction, is equipped with modern automatic machinery of Soviet origin. It produces 10,000 kilograms of ordinary cement daily, all of which is exported. One of the buyers is Israel, which sends Bulgaria oranges and lemons in exchange for the cement.²
6. The Vasil Kolarov Motor Vehicle Reconstruction and Repair Works, constructed by Soviet technicians in 1949, is located six kilometers south-southeast of Plovdiv on the road to Asenovgrad. The plant reconstructs and repairs Soviet 2-axle ZIS trucks for the armed forces and for civilians. Soviet technicians are employed as supervisors.³
7. The Anton Ivanov Metallurgic Factory is located behind the railroad station in the southern outskirts of Plovdiv in the "Sports Ground" suburb. Prior to World War II, the factory produced lathes but now turns out spare parts for motor vehicles and tractors.
8. The seed crushing mill (formerly Hagi Mikov e Kalitchko) in Plovdiv produces vegetable oils; it employs 50 to 60 workers.

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